

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING AND DISPLAYING DATA, SUCH AS  
ECONOMIC DATA RELATING TO SALARIES, COST OF LIVING AND  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

ABSTRACT

A system and method for retrieving and displaying data, such as economic data. The method can include receiving over a computer network a user request for a first item of economic data, retrieving the first item of economic data from a database, and providing a display description for view by the user over the computer network with the display description including the first item of economic data. The method can further include receiving a second item of economic data from the user over the computer network and at least reducing a fee from the user for receiving the first item of economic data. In another embodiment, the method can include displaying a plurality of discrete data items to the user and receiving a selection of one of the discrete data items from the user resulting from the user at least aligning a cursor on the graphical display with the selected discrete data item. The method can further include retrieving additional data corresponding to the selected discrete data item and providing instructions for displaying the additional data to the user.